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The following observations were made at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield between 3 and 12 March 1954:

1. 3 March. Around 4:30 p.m., a MiG-15 approached the field coming from the direction of Bad Berka. The sky was cloudless.

4 to 7 March. No air activity was observed at the field from the town of Erfurt.

8 March. Shortly after noon, an individual swept-back jet aircraft took off, circled once over the field and then landed there. A few minutes later, a Yak-11 was observed aloft over Erfurt. At 1 p.m., 2 swept-back jet aircraft crossed over the field. At the same time, 7 aircraft, probably Yak-11s, were observed aloft flying once in one single flight and later in elements of twos. The aircraft had approached from the east and landed at the field up to 1:10 p.m. At 1:27 p.m., two MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s took off, but their landings were not observed.

9 March. No air activity was observed.

10 March. Between 10:40 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., there was air activity by Yak-11s. Source made his observations from Erfurt and believed that local flights were being made.

11 March. Yak-11s were again observed aloft.

12 March. Between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., there was air activity by Yak-11s. The degree of cloudiness changed.

While, on 6 March, some MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were observed parked at the field, since 8 March, an additional and undetermined number of Yak-11s have been stationed there.

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2. The AA gun emplacement at the southern edge of the field was still occupied
25X1 Vehicular traffic at the field involved trucks [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. Erfurt/Bindersleben airfield is still occupied by an alert flight which is probably detached from the fighter regiment in Merseburg. The Yak-11s which have been observed since 8 March here are probably also assigned to the same regiment and apparently detached to Erfurt so as to increase training facilities at Merseburg airfield.

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